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Dates on Which They Will Be Installed This Month. District deputy grand chancellor, W. 1. Shiffer, last night Installed the of-

install the officers of Surburban lodge of Green Ridge. Other installations which have been

General G. A. Gunster, No. 334; January 5, Dunmore, No. 167; January 5. Scranton, No. 263; January 5, Railroad, No. 422; January 6, Taylorville, No. 462; January 6, Roaring Brook, No. 401; January 8, Hyde Park, No. 306; January 11, Panooka, No. 306; January 12, Glenwood, No. 349; January 12, Comet, No. 431; January 13, Patagonia, No. 326; January 14, Electric City, No. 313,

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The regular class work of the associahours, Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Special attention is given to the elementary branches, advanced course and industrial department, Mrs. E. D. Fellows, the chairman of the educational department, will be glad to greet any new students at the beginning of this new term.

The gymnasium classes are open for new enrollment of members and special features will be introduced this term. The entertainment committee will meet Monday at 4 o'clock.

The Chautaqua circle will meet tonight at 7 o'clock.

Miss Helen Brooks, the new college sec

retary for Pennsylvania, came yesterday.

The regular Bible class for the study of the Sabbath school lesson, will meet to-night at 7.15. All young women are invited to join this class. Miss Weir will conduct our gospel meet-

ing tomorrow at 3.45 p. m. The religious committee will meet to night at 7.30 o'clock.

DIED.

CARLIN-In Scranton, Pa., Jan. 1, 1897, William, son of the late W. J. Carlin, at his home, 921 Beech street, aged 9 years, Funeral notice later.

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PRIZES WERE SMALL ENJOYMENT LARGE

Successful Eisteddfod Held in the Bellevue Welsh C. M. Church.

BY THE CHURCH LITERARY SOCIETY

The Bellevue Chair Captured the Chief Prize of the Day in a Competition with the Taylor Choir -- P. H. Warren Won the Baritone Solo Prize -- Interesting Fentures of the Two Sessions .- Details of Contests. Joshua John and Edward James,

held on March 17, in Olyphant.

ed, about 800 persons attending. Rev

H. H. Harris was chairman of the ses

responded. The first competition was

on the sele "Softly and Tenderly," for

girls. There were five little misses en-

tered as follows: Miss Harris, Ellen

Thomas, Beatrice Morgan, Ella Brown

ing, Sarah Davis. All sang very well

When the adjudication was given the

THE PRIZE DIVIDED.

The adjudication on "Harmonization"

was given just before the decision in

the solo contest was announced. The

Plymouth. The compositions had been

previously handed in to the adjudica-tor, Lewis Wateyn. One of the very in-

teresting contests of the eisteddfod was

on the baritone solo, prize \$4, "Out of the Deep," the soulful creation of Pro-

fessor T. J. Davies, was the prize piece.

There were seven contestants and, as Conductor Harris said, it seemed that

the entire local musical world had been

robbed of its richest singers, just for the sake of this competition. Each of

the singers, as in all other competitions,

lor, Philip Warren, James E. Watkins

This contest was simply grand and

right here one begins to feel the beau-

ty of the Welsh eisteddfod where, with

the sweetest of instruments, the voice,

the test songsters of a nation of melo-

dy, meet and sing their best. The prize was won by P. H. Warren, who

In giving the decision the adjudica-

tor dwelt upon the faults and merits

of each contestant. Mr. Jones' effort

lacked energy, Mr. Jones was good;

he has a fine voice; Mr. Thomas has

an excellent voice, and sang correctly,

Mr. Tubbs san well, as also did David

Jenkins. But P. H. Warren sang the

best of all and was entited to the prize.

Conductor Harris announced that an

isteddfod will be held at Avoca on

February 22. At this point Rev. J. T. Thomas, pastor of the Bellevue Cal-

vinistic Methodist church, was made

temporary chairman of the session, while Dr. Harris, heard the competi-

tion on "Ymson Caradog," a Welsh

recitation, prize \$4. There were two

speakers, Thomas James, of Bellevue

piece is a dramatic imagining of the

thoughts that troubled Caractacus

when he was behind prison bars. Ad-

judicator Harris decided that the prize

MRS. BRUNDAGE SANG.

After this adjudication Mrs. Frank

Brundage, of Wilkes-Barre, but for-

merly of Bellevue, favored the audience with a solo, "Tell Me My Heart,"

accompanied by Mrs. D. B. Thomas

To a hearty encore she responded with

"Good Night," a delicate piece. The

adjudication on the solo was given at

Mrs. Henry W. Evans were the com-

petitors for a prize of \$2.50 on the so-

Conductor Harris announced that

John H. Phillips, of Robert Morris

lodge, had offered a prize of \$1 to the

man who would make the best im-

promptu speech on a subject to be

given when the speaker came upon the

stage. This created more fun than any

other thing in the eisteddfod. It al-

While one speaker was on the stage

the rest were sent out of the house.

The subject was "The Moon." Daniel

Eyans, of Taylor, who made much fun

at the last eisteddfod, was the first

speaker. He used the Welsh tongue with effect. Attorney James E. Watkins, of Taylor, made a very sensible speech, giving the astronomical condi-

tions of the moon and drawing from

an excellent knowledge in his address Many others spoke, but Mr. Watkins

was adjudged the most worthy of the prize. The adjudication on the so-

In the competition of the duet, tenor and bass, prize \$3, David Jenkins and W. J. Davis won. Thomas Thomas and Llewellyn Jones entered but they did not sing the piece through. Messrs.

Jenkins and Davis were given the

money. Miss Nomie Williams was ac-companoist. P. H. Warren, the success-

ful singer in the baritone solo contest,

responded to a request for a song. His

selection was "The Noble Boy of Truth." The effort was warmly ap-

preciated by the audience. Rev. D. P.

Jones was given prizes of \$3 and \$1, th

first on an essay, topic "The Women

of Samaria," and the second on an

CHORUS COMPETITION.

The final contest of the eisteddfod

and the chief among the competitions,

was on the chorus, "Praise Ye The

Father," for a prize of \$25 and \$5 ad-

ditional to the successful conductor

The Taylor choir sang first, William J

Thomas was leader, and Miss Nelli

Taylor was accompanist. The Bellevu

choir followed, Lewis Davis was lead er and Mrs. D. B. Thomas accompanist

The two choirs were about evenly

numbered and the contest was exciting

In his adjudication Mr. Watkins said

that his position was a delicate one

phase. The reading was far superior

englyn," subject, "The Child."

prano solo was then given.

ways does.

prano solo, "Breudwydy Freuhines."

Mrs. John R. James won the prize.

and Daniel Evans, of Taylor,

had been won by Mr. James,

sang under the name of "Phil."

and David Jenkins.

singing. Llewellyn Jones was the

The elsteddfod held yesterday at the Bellevue Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church under the direction of the Bellevue Literary and Biblical society was a great success and afforded entertainment for two large audiences, one in He is of ready wit and has a good the afternoon, the other in the evening. At the evening session, when the chief competition was decided, the Bellevue choir was given the principal prize of \$30. Professor George Howell, superintendent of schools, was chairman of the afternoon session, and Richard H. Williams was to have filled the position,



HENRY W. EVANS. Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

but he was unable to attend and Mr. Howell kindly consented to officiate. Rev. H. H. Harris, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, at Taylor, was conductor of the evening session. Mr. Harris was also adjudicator on

'speeches and recitations." The other adjudicators were: Proesor Lewis Wateyn, music; Rev. D. C. Phillips, poetry. Mrs. H. M. Evans and Mrs. D. B. Thomas were official accompanists of the eisteddfod. The soloists were: Miss Maggie Jones, Edwin Bowen, Morris Thomas, P. H. Warren, John W. Jones, David Stephens. The committee for the society in charge of the arrangements were: Henry W. Evans, chairman; B. T. James, secretary; W. Ashton, treasurer; T. O. Jones, W. J. Davis, A. Powell and D. R. Lewis.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Atternoon programme opened with a base solo by Morris Thomas, "The Mighty Deep." It was splendidly given. The secretary, B. T. James, read a poem entitled "The Bellevue Eisteddfod." written by a friend of the society. This elicited much applause Professor Howell made a few remarks prior to the first competition. He said, that owing to the lengthy programme, ficers of Farview lodge, Knights of he would not make a speech, as it Pythias, of Petersburg, Tonight he will would be better to proceed with the programme at once.

The first competition was a recitation, "Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers." scheduled to take place are: January 4. Three little girls responded. In making the adjudication, Dr. Harris stated that all three recited well and were entitled to a prize. He then entered into the details, such as enunciation, gestures and inflection of voice, concluding by giving the first prize, \$1, to Miss Effic Browning, and the second,

0 cents, to Miss Minda Morgans. In the tenor solo, "Dear Heart." which followed there were but two men entered for the contest. William J. Davis, of Hyde Park, sang first, followed by William L. Jones, of Taylor, Professor Watkins made the adjudication will begin this week at the usual tion shortly afterward, and stated that the piece could have been sung much better. As it was, he felt disposed to divide the prize money, \$2.50, between them. On the epigram "Englyn" there were received nineteen competitive pieces. The adjudicator, D. C. Phillips, announced as the winner, the person signed as "Boy" in Welsh. The gentleman did not come forward to claim the prize during the session, and his name could not be learned.

FIVE-MINUTE SPEECHES.

The most interesting feature of the day was the five minute speech on



PROF. GEORGE HOWELL Chairman of the Afternoon Session of the

Elsteddfod. "Self Control," or to use the Weish term, "Hunauly wodracht." There were nine competitors, and they were given a preliminary hearing in the church basement by the adjudicator. Only six of these competed. The addresses were short, none of them reclining the limit of time. Great interest was manifested and each speaker was loudly applauded. Dr. Harris, admitted that all had done well, but two were more accurate in pronounciation, and their arguments were better. The prize was divided between James Wat-kins, of Taylor, and William Reese, of

Joshua Johns, a member of the Penn Avenue Baptist church quartette, then rendered a tenor solo, which brought forth rounds of applause. Mr. Johns was compelled to respond again. Three He was called upon to decide a contest little lads answered when the chairman called for those entered on the both parties. He would be honest, boys' solo, "Have Courage My Boy to however. The Taylor choir had fair in-say No!" They were watkin Wat-tonation, reading fair, tempo good. kins, Milton Davis and Bennie Harris. quality fair and fair expression. The All sang well, yet Harris' style was soprano and alto parts were too open more finished and he was given the and the tenors hesitated too much in first prize of \$1. The youngest of the certain places. trio, Wattle Watkins, received the sec-

Edwin Bowen, the sweet tenor solofresher and more convincing. The so st, rendered a selection and was foudly applauded. Another feature which pranes were especially fine. After this created much interest was the quaradjudication the audience sang "Amertette competition on the piece, "Reica" and the "Land of My Father" and demption." There were entered five the cisteddfod was over. quartettes, but only four competed. These were, "Our Four Friends," Mrs.

AMUSEMENTS.

Evans and party; "Schunfann," and the "Histrionic." The fortunate our An extraordinary attraction to the were Mrs. Evans and party, comprised Scranton public will be presented at of the following: Mrs. Liewellyn Evans, Mrs. Lizzie Hughes Brundage. the Frothingham Monday, Jan. 4, and Jan. 5, only. The famous Rossow Bros. midget athletes, assisted by their select The juvenile choir competition had company, will appear here for the first but one entry, the Bellevue Band of and last time before their departure for Hope, on the competition. "The Hand-Europe, The Rossow Brothers, Franz Writing on the Wall." They sang well. and Carl, the midgets who head the under their young leader. Master Eddie company, were born in Vienna. Franz Davis, and were awarded the prize, of is 20 years old and the eldest of 16 children. He is thirty inches in height and \$10. The announcement was made in weighs 29 pounds. Carl, who is two years younger, weighs eight pounds less closing, that an eisteddfod would be In the evening the church was crowdthan his brother and is 24 inches tall. The Rossow Star Specialty company includes the following artists: Almont sion. Dr. Harris is becoming much in demand as a conductor of eisteddfods. and Dumont, California musical team; Tom Flynn, the celtic entertainer and originator of funny stories; Burlington natured, bubbling spirit and that is what the Weish people like. Conductor sisters, beautiful young ladies, song and dance: the famous Casino comedy Harris announced the opening of the rour; Lynch and Jewell, refined sketch session, a song by Morris Thomas, Mr., Thomas sang "If She Were Mine," in artists; Leavitt and Nevelle, jugglers and Conture Freres, Parisian acrobat his grandly melodious voice. A call was made for addresses by the poets. This is an indispensable feature of the The engagement will open Morday with a matince at popular prices and there will also be a matthee on Tuesday. eisteddfod. Henry Williams, of Peck-ville, and Edward James, of Bellevue.

A beautiful scenic presentation of the Southern comedy-drama, "Coon Hollow," will be given at the Academy of Music one night, Monday, Jan. 4. It is a vigorous and consistent drama, full of well-drawn characters and well devised climaxes, with comedy of a high order. Incidental to the action of the play, a first prize, \$1, went to Beatrice Morgan and Sarah Davis took second price, 50 darkey joilification is shown, in which are introduced buck and wing dancing, quartette singing and a well educated colored brass band. The company this year is better than before and a number of new specialties have been introduced. The scenery is all new. prize of \$2 was divided between Morgan D. Stevens and David J. Evans, both of

0 8 4 That the management of Davis' theater is keeping faith with the public is proven by the engagement of Lester & Williams' big extravaganza, "Me and Jack," that appears at this popular house Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next. In addition to Lester & Williams and their coterie of clever comedians is the comingling of pretty faces, enchanting music, captivating dances, elegant costumes and grand choruses. From the rise of the curtain on the first act to the fall of the same on the went under a soubriquet, so that no partiality could be shown in the order last act, the management promises one continuous round of good, solid amusement, and taken as a whole assures a first singer, followed by Edward James, Morris Thomas, John Tubbs, of Tayperformance that should fill the house

> Lincoln J. Carter's "The Heart of Chicago,"said to be an exceptionally strong melodrama, will be the attraction at the Academy of Music Wednesday and Thursday of next week, "The Heart of Chicago" is said to be exceptionally well put on and to present some extraordinary stage pictures. As the story of the play opens on the night of the great Chicago fire, and thus affords a brilliant opportunity for the introduction of a fire the opportunity is not wasted. The corner of State and Madison streets before, during and after the fire is shown. Old timers in Chleago will readily recognize the old landmarks which were reproduced from photographs. The next important scene recresents the roof of the Masonic temple and also shows a panoramic view of the city to the south and west, showing Michigan avenue, State street and Wabash avenue as far as Twelfth street and the cross streets almost to the river.

NEW SMOKE PROTECTOR.

Tested Yesterday in the Presence o Councilmen and Firemen.

The Miller smoke protector was given a test yesterday by Chief Hickey in the presence of a number of councilmen and members of the fire department a Armour's smoke house on Seventh street. A fire was built of green wood sawdust and bags, creating a sort of smudge, and when the smoke house was densely filled Chief Hickey and the agent, George Stoeber, donned the protectors and entered and closed the door behind them.

They remained for sixteen minutes and on emerging reported that they this point. Mrs. John R. James and could have remained much longer without suffering in the least for air. The Loeb respirator, and Boder helmet which have been described before in these columns, were also tested, but neither proved to be any more efficacious than the simpler and far more inexpensive Miller protector.

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to the other choir's, and the voices were cape. It is made air tight by a fringe of rubber and held in place in the same manner as a base ball mask.

Secret Councilmen Durr, Burns, Frable and Schroeder; Common Councilmen Noone and Simon Thomas and District Engineers Schwass, Warnke and other firemen prezent expressed themselves as highly pleased with the protector and joined in urging Chief Hickey to secure a supply for the department.

ZERO WAS THE MAGNET.

Attracted Fully Eighteen Hundred Persons to Davis! Theater.

"Zoro" was the magnet that attracted fully 1800 persons to Davis' thenter yesterday. In the afternoon the capacity of the house was taxed and at night hundreds had to be turned away after every available nich of space in the theater had been utilized, "Zero" is a very entertaining triffe

is filled with good specialties and is just the kind of an attraction to please a holiday crowd. The audiences that saw it yesterday at Davis' were certainly pleased.

FRANK SPENCER WON.

Private Shooting Match Near the

Round Woods Yesterday. A private shooting match at pigeons took place in the rent of the Round Wood yesterday afternoon. The participants were Dr. W. E. Allen, Dr. S. P. Longstreet, Frank Spencer, E. H.

Lynde and Thomas V. Lewis, Mr. Spencer won, killing twenty-five birds straight. Tom Lewis kileld 24 out of 25; Dr. Allen killed 23 out of 25; Mr. Lynde brought down 19 out of 25, and Coroner Longstreet missed only one out of 19.

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